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Six Students From Throughout Country Named 'Cal Poly Scholars'

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Six high school students from throughout the country have been named 2003-2004 "Cal Poly Scholars," and each will be awarded an \$8,000 scholarship in recognition of his or her outstanding academic achievement.

In an effort to attract and retain top students, Cal Poly in 2001 established the Cal Poly Scholars Program to fund four-year scholarships, supported entirely by private contributions. The scholarships are awarded to one incoming student in each of the university's six academic colleges. A scholar receives a scholarship of \$8,000 a year, renewable for up to four years.

Renowned for its learn-by-doing credo, laboratory-intensive curriculum, state-of-the-art instructional technology and access to senior faculty members, Cal Poly receives 23,000 or more applications annually for about 3,500 spaces. The scholars program was created to help Cal Poly remain competitive with other respected institutions for America's most gifted students.

Cal Poly students and faculty members benefit from the program, according to Jim Maraviglia, assistant vice president of admissions, recruitment & financial aid. "Cal Poly Scholars stimulate classmates to more creative achievement, assist on faculty research projects, lead teams to victory in academic competitions, tutor fellow students, and volunteer in community programs," Maraviglia said.

This year's scholars, who plan to enroll fall quarter, are:

- College of Agriculture -- Dianne Coderniz, [Dos Palos](#).
- College of Architecture and Environmental Design -- Erik Dawley, [Ventura](#).
- Orfalea College of Business -- Timothy Waechter, [Grass Valley](#).
- College of Engineering -- Scott Hilbert, [Raleigh, N.C.](#)
- College of Liberal Arts -- Melissa Smuck, [Rohnert Park](#).
- College of Science and Mathematics -- Christina Karplus, [Corvallis, Ore.](#)

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